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HOG NUMBERS ABOVE LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, March 28, 2008 -- The state's **March 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs** was 1.43 million head, up 12 percent from one year ago and 1 percent above last quarter, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding stock totaled 160,000 head, up 14 percent from March 2007. **Market hogs** totaled 1,270,000 head, up 11 percent from last year.

The **December through February pig crop** was 845,000 head, up 33 percent from 637,000 head last year. During the quarter 88,000 sows farrowed, up from 67,000 in 2007. Pigs per litter averaged 9.60, up from the previous year's 9.50. Producers intend to farrow 85,000 sows during March through May, 16 percent above the actual farrowings a year ago. Intentions for June through August are for 84,000 farrowings, up from 82,000 actual farrowings one year earlier.

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